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For: A NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT
CONTAINING A NUCLEIC ACID DERIVED
FROM THE GENOME OF HEPATITIS C
VIRUS (HCV) OF GENOTYPE 2A, AND A
CELL HAVING SUCH NUCLEIC ACID
CONSTRUCT INTRODUCED THEREIN

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2008, the response being timely filed on Monday, March 9, 2009 since March 8, 2009 falls on a Sunday, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response contains:

Amendments to the Claims beginning on **page 2** of this paper and

Remarks/Arguments beginning on **page 8** of this paper.